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Dear Mr. Jaffe:

I am writing to give my support for the petition to ban the forced molting of layer hens (docket # 98P-0203/CP). This practice is extremely cruel. Hens are forced into one last laying cycle before they are sent to slaughter by causing them to undergo unnatural molting. This process involves depriving hens of food and water for two weeks or more and keeping them in total darkness for weeks. Forced molting causes hundreds of thousands of hens to slowly and painfully starve to death.

I urge you to do all you can to help this petition pass.

Sincerely,

Maureen Ippolito
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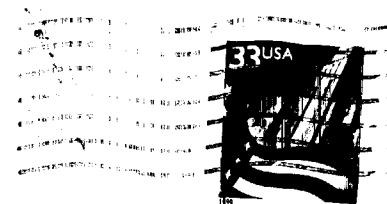
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